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## DM-50 donates \$10K to light playing fields

By Maj. Laurel Tingley  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Thanks to the generosity of the DM-50, base Airmen now have a well-lit place to play basketball and volleyball after dark.

The DM-50, a group of Tucson civic leaders whose efforts support the men and women at D-M, donated \$10,000 to install light poles with timers at the basketball and volleyball courts by the dorms.

Additionally, DM-50 member Hal Ashton's companies, Diversified Design and Construction and Ashton Company, donated time, labor and materials to make the project a reality.

"The DM-50's dedication to developing and nurturing our Airmen reflects the tremendous support that we receive from the city of Tucson," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. "These lights give our people a safe place to stay fit and improve their quality of life."

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Jesse Shipps

### Burgers anyone?

Staff Sgt. James Weaver (right) and Master Sgt. Jeffrey Brown (left) help cook hamburgers and hot dogs for the Junior NCO appreciation lunch Aug. 19. Sergeants Weaver and Brown are both assigned to the 563rd Maintenance Squadron. The event was sponsored by the First Sergeant's Association.

## Picnic thanks returned deployers for contributions

By 1st Lt. Beth Tucker  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Once Airmen return from deployments, their desert camouflage uniforms are generally cleaned and packed in deployment bags in a closet waiting for the next deployment. Airmen at D-M who have deployed in the last year are being asked to pull those uniforms out and wear them at their welcome home picnic Thursday.

All Airmen who have deployed since Sept. 2004, and those who are preparing to deploy and their families are invited to the picnic at Bama Park from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

"The DCUs separate those Airmen who have been deployed and have supported the war effort," said Jeff Halstead, who is serving on the welcome home picnic committee. "The deployed duties our Airmen are performing are not the day-to-day tasks they accomplish while at home, and

the DCU's are a representation of what they contribute."

The event will start with formations of Airmen from each deployed location. After the roll call and a few words of thanks from senior leadership of the base, festivities will begin.

"We'll have lots of hot dogs, hamburgers, bratwursts, drinks and cookies for everyone to have a great time," Mr. Halstead said.

Entertainment will be available

for all ages. Broadway to Branson has volunteered to be the musical entertainment for the event. A jumping castle will also be available for the youngest in attendance. To encourage morale and comradeship, cards and dominoes will be available and ready for play.

The last picnic at which leadership recognized deployers was held in Sept. 2004.

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### The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline of hours flown as of Monday

| Squadron | Required | Flown   | Annual  | Squadron  | Required | Flown   | Annual  |
|----------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|---------|
| 41st ECS | 1,380.7  | 1,375.5 | 1,433.0 | 162nd OSB | 1,810.6  | 1,909.1 | 2,135.0 |
| 43rd ECS | 1,949.5  | 1,838.6 | 2,039.4 | 354th FS  | 9,337.3  | 9,294.0 | 9,891.0 |
| 55th RQS | 2,676.4  | 2,529.7 | 2,880.0 | 357th FS  | 8,076.0  | 8,091.4 | 9,064.0 |
| 79th RQS | 1,587.0  | 1,513.7 | 1,730.0 | 358th FS  | 8,118.0  | 8,065.1 | 9,050.0 |

### Tops in Blue

Tops in Blue is performing at the Tucson Convention Center Music Hall Sept. 11. Tops in Blue is an all-active duty U.S. Air Force special unit made up of talented amateur performers. For more information, contact the D-M Community Center at 228-3500.



Family support during deployments

**Concern:** My neighbor mentioned that she gets a monthly newsletter in the mail each month that talks about activities that the Family Support Center provides for families of deployed troops. How can I receive this newsletter?

**Response:** First, thank you for supporting your spouse as an Airman contributing to the Global War on Terror. While your spouse is deployed, there are many activities, support functions and people who are here to help you and your family manage.

The newsletter is one example of the support that is available to you. The Family Support Center's Monthly Deployed Spouses Newsletter is sent to all members of the Hearts Apart program. The mission of this program is to keep families of deployed troops involved and in communication with other families and to ensure any resources that are needed are available to you and your family.

The newsletter focuses on the Hearts Apart activities such as free pizza parties, pool parties, picnics and night at the movies. One of the upcoming events is the Hearts Apart Annual Luau at the Base Pool.

For more information on this event, or to join Hearts Apart while your spouse is deployed, please call the Davis-Monthan Family Support Center at 228-5690.

101 Critical Days of Summer: Aggressive driving

Aggressive driving occurs when motorists lose their temper in reaction to a traffic disturbance. Aggressive drivers react negatively and use their vehicles to retaliate by making sudden, threatening moves. Aggressive driving is usually caused by the drivers' mood when they get behind the wheel. Here are some tips to avoid being an aggressive driver:

- ◆ Don't change lanes if there is a car in the target lane going faster than you
- ◆ Do not make obscene gestures
- ◆ Use your horn sparingly
- ◆ Don't change lanes without signaling
- ◆ If you are not passing another car, remain in the right lane

(Information courtesy of [afsafety.af.mil](http://afsafety.af.mil))

Agency numbers

|                                |          |                             |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|
| AAFES Agencies.....            | 228-3904 | Inspector General.....      | 228-3558 |
| Accounting and Finance.....    | 228-4964 | Legal.....                  | 228-6432 |
| Chaplain.....                  | 228-5411 | Lodging.....                | 228-4845 |
| Civil Engineering.....         | 228-3401 | Military and Civilian Equal |          |
| Clinic.....                    | 228-2930 | Opportunity Office.....     | 228-5509 |
| Commissary.....                | 228-3116 | Military Personnel.....     | 228-5689 |
| Family Support.....            | 228-5690 | Public Affairs.....         | 228-3204 |
| Fitness and Sports Center..... | 228-0022 | Security Forces.....        | 228-6178 |
| Haefner Fitness Center.....    | 228-3714 | Services.....               | 228-5596 |
| Housing Office.....            | 228-3687 | Transportation.....         | 228-3584 |



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jesse Shipps

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, shakes the hand of Master Sgt. Edgar Langdon, 355th Services Squadron, for a job well done in recognizing Jr. NCOs at the Jr. NCO Appreciation Lunch Aug. 19.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: [355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil](mailto:355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil). Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron members perform on- and off-base equipment maintenance and inspection on A/OA-10, EC-130H, HC-130P and HH-60E aircraft. The 355th EMS maintains aerospace ground equipment, life support equipment, GAU-8 30 millimeter gun systems and aircraft weapons release systems. They also provide nondestructive inspection, fabrication of aircraft components and corrosion control support and stores, as well as maintaining and transporting munitions stockpile.

The 355th EMS is composed of five flights with different specialties in equipment maintenance. The flights are: aerospace ground equipment, armament, fabrications, maintenance and munitions.

The squadron commander is Maj. Gary Wiley and the squadron's motto is "Always First."

Staff Sgt. Luke Hardy, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, attaches a seal to a pave penny pylon from an A-10. The pave penny pylon attaches a pod housing electronic equipment to the side of the aircraft.



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# Davis-Monthan Base Theater to reopen doors, show movies Sept. 16

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy  
355th Wing Public Affairs

The Davis-Monthan Base Theater is scheduled to reopen Sept. 16.

The six-month, \$1,010,000 project made various types of repairs and created a new addition to the theater.

“The repairs and addition are long overdue for the theater, which was constructed in the 1950s,” said Pete Bowden, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron project manager and base architect. “The attractive new additions to the theater will contribute to an overall improved image of D-M.”

Workers made many renovations during the theater’s closure.

“The interior construction includes renovations and expansion of the lobby, new and larger men’s and women’s restrooms, a new concession area and the installation of a fire sprinkler system,” Mr. Bowden said. “The exterior modifications include the addition of a covered arcade on the north and west sides near the lobby, a sidewalk with night lighting between the theater entrance and Jeddito Street, four VIP parking spaces at Jeddito Street, additional landscaping and ramps for handicap accessibility.”

With all of the changes, Mr. Bowden said that there were some new things patrons will likely enjoy the most.

“One of the nicest additions to the theater will be the attractive covered exterior arcade and the pleasing entry,” Mr. Bowden said. In addition to the new entry, “I think the nicest addition will be the new lobby and snack bar area, which will put the theater patron in a positive mood and get them excited about coming to the theater.”

The theater is frequently used for the spacious room it has for seating during commander’s calls, but is not only for official use.

During the weekend, D-M Airmen can enjoy new movie releases for lower prices.

Admission into the theater is for military ID cardholders and their guests only. The cost for adults is \$3. Except for special matinees for children, the cost for youth ages 6 to 11 years is \$1.50 and free for children younger than 6 years. Those over the age of 65 pay \$1.50.

The Davis-Monthan community will be able to see a movie for the reopening. The movie is still to be determined.

For more information on the base theater, call 228-3623.

## News Notes

**Commissary hours for holiday**

The Commissary will be open Sept. 5 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The commissary will open at 8:30 a.m. for physically disabled patrons.

**Housing office closure**

The housing office will be closed Sept. 2 for Air Combat Command’s family day and Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day. The housing office will reopen Sept. 6 at 7:30 a.m. For emergencies, call housing maintenance at 228-8600.

**Power outages Sept. 10**

There will be a scheduled power outage on Sept. 10. The affected facilities are buildings in the 55th Electronic Combat Group area. The following buildings are scheduled: 68, 81, 88, 94, 96, 104, 110, 113, 121, 125, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 133, 135, 136, 140, 146, 189, 211, 220 and Well number 11 (Buildings 148 and 137). The outage will commence at 6 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Sept. 10. The outage is required as part of the new 41st and 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron construction project. Any questions can be directed to the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron at 228-3171.

**Hispanic Heritage month**

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. The purpose of the month is to celebrate and encourage Hispanic awareness through the heritage of the past and the promise of the future. For more information on the events to celebrate Hispanic Heritage, contact 1st Lt. Lucien Fuertes at 228-5114.

**D-M Dining-In Sept. 23**

The Davis-Monthan community is invited to celebrate the Air Force’s 58th birthday Sept. 23. Airmen interested in going to the Dining-In need to sign up by Sept. 14. The social hour will begin at 6 p.m. Mess dress is required for attendance. For more information on prices of tickets or to sign up, contact the unit’s first sergeant.

**Claims for or against**

Any person or persons having claims for or against the estate of Airman 1st Class Benjamin Tamai, deceased, assigned to the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, should contact the Summary Court Officer, 1st Lt. Orlando Valles, 355th AMXS at 228-4453.

**Terrorism history**

Aug. 28, 1985, April 19 Movement (M-19) leader Ivan Marino Ospina was killed in a clash with government troops.

### Pima Air and Space Museum offers free admission for military



The Pima Air and Space Museum offers free admission to active duty military ID cardholders and retired military members for Labor Day.

Spouses of active duty and retired military ID cardholders can also get in for free.

Children, ages 7 to 12 years, can get in for \$4. Children ages 6 years and younger get in

for free.

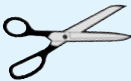
In addition to the free admission, military ID cardholders can have up to four adults in the party. The four adults will pay \$5.

The Pima Air and Space Museum is located at 6000 East Valencia Road. The hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on what the museum offers or questions on free admission, call the

**404** Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31. Individuals interested in volunteering should contact Airman 1st Class Logan English, AADD scheduler, at 228-6674.

Call AADD at  
**850-2233**  
Friday and Saturday from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. For more information regarding AADD, visit the Web site <https://aadd> on the D-M intranet.



## Emergency Numbers

|                            |          |                                       |                  |
|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Ambulance.....             | 911      | Base Operations.....                  | 228-4315         |
| Casualty Assistance.....   | 228-3686 | Mortuary Officer.....                 | 228-5964 or 4414 |
| (After duty hours).....    | 228-3121 | (After duty hours).....               | 228-3121         |
| Duty Chaplain.....         | 228-5411 | Command Post.....                     | 228-7400         |
| (After duty hours).....    | 228-3517 | 355th Security Forces Crime Stop..... | 228-4444         |
| Fire Reporting.....        | 911      | Safety.....                           | 228-5558         |
| Public Affairs.....        | 228-3204 | (After duty hours).....               | 909-0316         |
| (After duty hours).....    | 228-7400 | Base locator.....                     | 228-3347         |
| Fraud Waste and Abuse..... | 228-3177 | TIPS Line.....                        | 228-TIPS (8477)  |

# AFPC notifies Airmen of criminal activity exposing personal info

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** - The Air Force is notifying more than 33,000 Airmen that a security breach has occurred in the on-line Assignment Management System.

The notification comes after Air Force Personnel Center officials here alerted Air Force and federal investigators to unusually high activity on a single user's AMS account in June.

AMS, an on-line program used for assignment preferences and career management, contains career information on officers and enlisted members as well as some personal information like birth dates and social security numbers, according to Col. Lee Hall, director of assignments at AFPC. It does not contain personal addresses, phone numbers or specific dependent information.

A malicious user accessed approximately half of the officer force's individual information while only a handful of noncommissioned officers were affected, according to Lt. Col. John Clarke, AFPC's deputy director of Personnel Data Systems. The individual used a legitimate user's login information to access and/or download individuals' personal information.

"We notified Airmen as quickly as we could while still following criminal investigation procedures with the OSI," said Maj. Gen. Tony Przybyslawski, AFPC commander. "Protecting Airmen's personal information is something we take very seriously and we are doing everything we can to catch and prosecute those responsible under the law."

"We notified the individuals involved outlining what happened and how they can best insulate themselves from this potential risk," the general added. "We've taken steps to increase our system security. We're working with all Air

## Web sites to know:

- ◆ Virtual Military Personnel Flight:  
<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/>
- ◆ Federal Trade Commission guidelines for identity theft:  
<http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/index.html>
- ◆ Free annual credit check:  
<http://www.annualcreditreport.com>

Force agencies to identify vulnerabilities. We must keep our data protected."

In the meantime, officials say officers may login to the virtual Military Personnel Flight at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/> to see if their information was viewed. If it was, they will receive a pop-up banner after login which will provide additional information. The small number of enlisted members who have had their information viewed will be contacted directly.

Officials also said Airmen may decide to follow Federal Trade Commission guidelines for dealing with identity theft at <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/index.html>.

Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, beginning Sept. 1, 2005, everyone is entitled to one free credit check annually, to request this free report visit <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>. Any Airman who believes he or she has become a victim of identity theft, should contact the local base OSI and legal office.

*(Information courtesy of Air Force News.)*

## DM-50

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The project, which took a week to complete, consists of three large light poles set in concrete bases, said Senior Master Sgt. Janet Canez, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron electric shop foreman. It also includes underground wiring, individual timers for each pole and photo cells so that the lights are on only at night.

"The basketball courts and volleyball courts get a lot of use but since the base had no budget for lighting them, they went unused at night. With the heat, the evening and night use are particularly important," said Michael J. Harris, DM-50 president.

The DM-50 was pleased to be able to light the courts so that they can be enjoyed in the evening, Mr. Ashton said.

"We know how important and valuable the base is and we're totally indebted to the men and women in the military," he said. "This is one small way that we could do something nice."

"The addition of the lights makes late night games of volleyball possible," said Airman 1st Class Jesse Jarrett, 355th Wing command post. The extended playing hours give Airmen another option when choosing what to do with their free time.

"It's really great that the local community cares so much about our dorm residents and their off-duty environment," said Chief Master Sgt. Chuck Talley, 355th Wing command chief. "Having these courts lit is a tremendous benefit to our shift workers and to all our troops during the hot summer season."

The DM-50 supports the men and women of the base because they respect and honor the contributions Airmen make to the nation and the world, Mr. Harris said.

"D-M Airmen are also an important part of the Tucson community. Their service even in peacetime is done with great sacrifice and those of us who once served in the military remember how much we appreciated the kindness and attention we got from the civilians in the towns where we were based," he said.

## Making a difference

### Job Corps group gets tour of D-M for helping Family Advocacy

**By Senior Airman  
Brandy Dupper-Macy**  
355th Wing Public Affairs

The Family Advocacy Program invited 22 Job Corps trainees and two staff members from the Fred G. Acosta Job Corps to Davis-Monthan Aug. 19.

"These students voluntarily cut, sanded and painted some life-sized plywood Silent Witness silhouettes to be used in our FAP prevention programs," said Marley Smith, 355th MDOS Family Advocacy outreach manager.

"We will use the silhouettes during Child Abuse Prevention Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month," Mr. Smith said. "We wanted to thank them for their work by giving them a tour of the base and lunch. The Family Advocacy officer, Lt. Col. Katherine Rearden, presented the center with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Family Advocacy Program."

The Job Corps efforts will help the

FAP get the word out the D-M community.

"Family Advocacy promotes mission readiness through our programs to prevent family violence," Mr. Marley said. "These Silent Witness silhouettes will enhance our prevention activities and help get more information out to the community about what services are available."

The Job Corps is a program aimed to help troubled youth who want to find a way to improve themselves.

"Job Corps is the nation's largest residential and educational training program for economically challenged youth, ages 16 through 24 years," said Mike Flores, HBI Facilities maintenance instructor.

"Established in 1964, Job Corps has trained and educated more than two million young people to date and continues to serve more than 70,000 young Americans each year," Mr. Flores said.

"Interested young people apply to join the program through a Job Corps Admissions Counselor," Mr. Flores said. "Eligible youth are assigned to a specific Job Corps center, usually one that is located nearest the youth's home and offers vocational training of interest to the youth."

"Job Corps eliminates the barriers to completing vocational training by providing housing, meals, and medical services," Mr. Flores said. "While on the center, students take part in academic, vocational and life skills training, all of which promote employability skills and work-based learning. After students leave the program, Job Corps provides placement assistance for jobs, further education, and the military, as well as follow-up support."

"Job Corps staff encourage students to consider the military for a career," Mr. Marley said. "This tour will show them what services are available on a military base and some of the work that gets done here at D-M."



# TriWest intervention limits number of disenrolled retiree TRICARE beneficiaries

By TriWest Healthcare Alliance

TriWest Healthcare Alliance has identified issues with the processing of TRICARE Prime enrollment fees, which has resulted in the non-voluntary disenrollment of thousands of retirees from the program.

The impact on the Desert Lightning community has been the non-voluntary disenrollment of 319 beneficiaries as a result of nonpayment.

TriWest is working hard to ensure that eligible beneficiaries remain enrolled.

Initially, through research of records, TriWest identified 200,000 beneficiaries in the West Region who needed to be disenrolled from the program.

Over the past several months, TriWest Healthcare Alliance, the TRICARE program administrator in the 21-state West Region, has taken a number of steps to significantly limit the number of TRICARE Prime enrollees who would be disenrolled.



In July, TriWest sent letters alerting 50,000 enrollees — military retirees — that they were subject to disenrollment for nonpayment of fees.

More than 14,000 paid their fees and 8,000 others asked TriWest for further research.

TriWest spent the last six months thoroughly researching records and further reducing the number of potential disenrollments through an extensive outreach effort.

“We have been working hard to ensure that everyone who is eligible and who wants to be enrolled in TRICARE Prime is enrolled and has paid their enrollment fees,” said TriWest vice president

of Corporate Operations, Jim Griffith.

“We will not stop until everyone who wants to be enrolled in Prime is enrolled,” Mr. Griffith said.

Factors that contributed to Prime disenrollment include the accuracy of beneficiary address information, processing errors when TriWest transferred more than 1 million TRICARE beneficiaries to the new West Region, and, in some cases, beneficiaries not notifying TriWest to disenroll.

Any TRICARE Prime enrollee who recently received a disenrollment notice from TriWest and who believes they were mistakenly disenrolled are encouraged to contact TriWest at the number printed on their disenrollment notice or visit the TRICARE Service Center located at the Medical Group.

TriWest Healthcare Alliance will ensure that eligible beneficiaries are reinstated without any gap in coverage when past due fees are paid or when any errors are corrected.

## Picnic

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In the past year more than 250 Airmen from the 355th Wing have deployed and returned home. With a deployment of between 1,300 and 1,500 Airmen heading out the door soon, the Desert Lightning team's contributions to the Global War on Terror is significant.

“The goal is to host a picnic after every AEF cycle and to recognize Airmen more frequently for what they are doing while deployed,” Mr. Halstead said.

The event is mandatory for those who have recently returned, but Airmen should look forward to the opportunity to be recognized at home for their significant contributions.

“This event shows how we develop and nurture our Airmen,” said Chief Master Sgt. Chuck Talley, 355th Wing command chief.

“What these Airmen have done and are about to go do shouldn't go unrecognized. The leadership of our wing is looking forward to thanking our Airmen for the work they have done.”

# CRIME & Punishment

The following are some of the incidents the 355th Security Forces Squadron handled for the period of Aug. 5 through 18.

**Civil incarceration**

Tucson Police notified the Security Forces Control Center a captain was arrested for domestic violence, disorderly conduct and threats to intimidate.

**Civil incarceration**

Tucson Police notified the SFCC an airman first class assigned to the 355th Wing was arrested for using a false identification card in an attempt to purchase alcohol at a local establishment.

**Driving Under the Influence: civilian**

A security forces installation guard notified the SFCC an individual had parked their vehicle at the visitor center and appeared to be intoxicated. Investigation revealed the individual was a civilian, had a strong odor of alcohol, poor coordination and slurred speech. A bottle

of alcohol was discovered within the vehicle. Tucson Police were contacted. During the field sobriety tests the subject lost consciousness. Tucson Fire Department responded and transported the subject to St. Joseph's Hospital.

**Failure to obey regulation: civilian**

During a random vehicle inspection, a contractor vehicle was in the process of being searched when the vehicle operator became verbally abusive and physically combative. The contractor was detained, his badge was confiscated and a barment letter was issued.

**Open alcohol container: illegal aliens**

Two individuals attempted to enter the installation. Investigation revealed open alcohol containers within the vehicle and the subjects did not possess valid identification. Border Patrol was contacted. Border Patrol Agents confirmed the individuals were illegal immigrants and transported them to their office for processing.

**Patrol response: indecent acts**

A retired military member notified the SFCC that an individual was committing an indecent act the racquetball center shower. Investigation revealed the subject was a retired military member. Tucson Police were contacted and a case number was assigned.

**Patrol response: trespassing**

A civilian attempted to enter the installation in order to deliver a secret message to the 355th Wing commander. During questioning the individual became abusive and threatening. Tucson Police were contacted. A search of the subject's car resulted in finding marijuana. Tucson Police arrested the subject for trespassing and possession of narcotics.

**Underage drinking: military**

While conducting a community policing patrol within the dormitory area a security force patrol observed an airman first class assigned to 355th SFS possibly under the influ-

ence of alcohol. Investigation revealed the Airman had a strong odor of alcohol, bloodshot eyes and poor coordination. Further investigation revealed the Airman was underage. A breath analysis was conducted with a BAC result of .110. The Airman was detained for further processing.

**Security Forces reminder**

Security Forces will be supporting the National Law Enforcement, "You Drink & Drive You Lose" campaign. The campaign runs through Sept. 5. Law Enforcement agencies will step up traffic checkpoints and patrols. On average, alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes account for one person killed every 32 minutes and one person injured every two minutes.

**Traffic tickets issued: (Aug. 5 through 18)**

- ◆ Speeding: 19
- ◆ Failure to stop: 15







Courtesy photos

Senior Airman Travis Eygabroad (left) and Senior Airman Andrew LeBeau (right) lift a 180mm projectile to transport to a safe location for disposal. Both Airmen are from the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron.



Senior Airman Thomas Koontz, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, primes into explosives in the middle of a sub-munition field.

# All in a day's work ...

## *EOD detonates, disarms bombs in deployed locations*

By Amy Fredette  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Detonating bombs while dodging enemy fire and sniper attacks is all in a day's work for the Davis-Monthan 355th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal team.

While a new EOD team is getting ready to deploy in September, seven bomb technicians have returned uninjured from two Air Base locations in Iraq.

From January to May, two members of the EOD team deployed to Balad Air Base; five members deployed to Tallil Air Base. Ready for work at a moment's notice, the Airmen had the same mission: to seek out and destroy as many munitions as possible to help protect the lives of United States and coalition forces and innocent civilians.

"They did exceptional," said Master Sgt. Fredrick McPeters, 355th CES EOD team chief. "Our teams were under enemy fire and there were sniper attacks against our teams at both deployed locations."

While some bombs were detonated using remote-controlled robots, others were disarmed by the Airmen themselves with the protection of 80-pound bomb suits.



"This was 1700 lbs of explosives with four cases of C4 that we used to ensure the disposal of all the items," said Tech. Sgt. Ryan Groves, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron.

"There were some times where it was really nerve-racking," said Senior Airman Thomas Koontz, 355th CES EOD team member. "But it was also exciting to finally do the things we were trained to do."

Airman Koontz said Airmen must complete eight months of training at Eglin Air Force Base in Pensacola, Fla., in order to be prepared for the EOD mission. Each Airman receives the same instruction regardless of rank.

"Everybody knows the same thing," Airman Koontz said. "It's not a boss/subordinate environment. It's a team effort."

Tech. Sgt. Ryan Groves, 355th CES EOD team chief, said while his

team worked to disarm explosives, a security team of U.S. Army engineers guarded the area.

"We have a security team just for us scanning the area so we don't have to worry as much," Sergeant Groves said.

In addition to detonating enemy munitions, the Airmen had to render safe and dispose of Improvised Explosive Devices, non-military devised contraptions used in unconventional warfare by terrorists, guerillas or commando forces. The Airmen destroyed approximately 100 IEDs during this last deployment Sergeant McPeters said.

The EOD squadron worked up to 17 hours a day, destroying a total of

265,710 pounds of explosives during this last deployment.

"You're hyped up on adrenaline," said Senior Airman Travis Eygabroad, 355th CES EOD team member. When his team would sleep, most slept so soundly they could barely hear the mortars going off.

Nonetheless, the Airmen said they were always prepared to tackle the day's task, while bearing in mind the importance of their operation.

"They (United States and coalition forces) couldn't do their mission without us," said Staff Sgt. Clay Sigler, 355th CES EOD team chief. "Without what we do, a lot of people would get killed."

Sergeant McPeters said both his teams received the Sharp Saber Team award in recognition of exceptional team performance in austere conditions.

Airman Koontz said he feels fortunate to be part of such an outstanding team.

"I don't think there's a single person on our team that I wouldn't feel comfortable working with," Airman Koontz said.

Sergeant McPeters agreed. "We're all professionals," he said. "This is what we get paid to do."



# Hundreds of NCOs face mandatory retraining into new Air Force specialties if Phase I falls short

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — More than 3,000 staff, technical and master sergeants have been identified to receive retraining vulnerability notices under the initial phase of the Air Force’s fiscal 2006 Noncommissioned Officer Retraining Program.

The retraining program is designed to help balance the enlisted force by moving NCOs in specialties with surpluses to those with shortages. As part of Phase I of the program, scheduled for Aug. 1 to Oct. 14, Air Force officials notified NCOs as vulnerable to retrain.

Officials asked these Airmen to submit their choices of shortage career fields they would most like to retrain into or to apply for special duty assignments no later than Oct. 14.

If voluntary measures are unsuccessful, the Air Staff will implement Phase II, involuntary retraining.

In Phase II, individuals identified as vulnerable in Air Force Specialty Codes not meeting retraining-out objectives, and without approved retraining or special duty assignments by Oct. 14, will be involuntarily retrained.

“This phase of the retraining program is necessary to help meet the needs of the Air Force by putting Airmen where they are needed most,” said Tech. Sgt. Catina Johnson-Roscoe, the

noncommissioned officer in charge of Air Force Enlisted Retraining at the Air Force Personnel Center here.

Major commands will continue to accept volunteer applications from individuals not identified as vulnerable.

Additionally, they will encourage all eligible NCOs to consider special duty assignments such as recruiting, military training instructors, first sergeant duty or professional military education instructor, Sergeant Johnson-Roscoe said.

“Now is the time for those who have been identified for possible retraining to volunteer,” said Chief Master Sgt. Terry Reed, chief of AFPC’s Skills Management Branch.

“It’s up to each Airman, but if it were me, I’d think having control over my career would be a priority,” Chief Reed said.

Vulnerability listings by grade and AFSC were posted on AFPC’s web site Aug. 1 and will be updated weekly.

To view the list, Airmen can login to the AFPC Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/> and click on the retraining link.

Anyone interested in more details about the program can contact his or her local military personnel flight.

*(Information courtesy of AFPC News Service.)*

## T-Birds to continue season

**NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev.** — The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds are continuing their show schedule after reviewing their procedures following a mishap Aug. 20 at the Chicago Air and Water Show when two aircraft touched in flight.

During one of the maneuvers, two of the team’s F-16 Fighting Falcons touched wing-tips. The show was halted following the incident. Both aircraft landed safely.

“Safety is paramount in everything we do,” said Lt. Col. Mike Chandler, team commander. “After our incident Saturday we reviewed our procedures and will continue the season this weekend in Westfield, Mass.”

The Thunderbirds will continue their weekly practices Tuesday over the ranges near Creech Air Force Base, Nev. Following the practices the team will deploy on a two-week trip Thursday to perform at shows in Westfield, Mass; Atlantic City, N.J., and Cleveland.

“After taking a deeper look at our flying procedures, I have the utmost confidence in our safety for the crowd, our pilots and planes,” Colonel Chandler said. “Since we’re satisfied with our procedures, we’ll continue our season.”

*(Information courtesy of Air Force Print News.)*

# Lessons from history produce success in future

By Lt. Col. Ken Carlson

*357th Fighter Squadron commander*

Tradition is a word that many people associate with military organizations. The profession of arms is among the most respected career fields one could hope to be a part of. In the 357th Fighter Squadron tradition holds a special place in our history.

One of my charges as the commander of this outstanding squadron is to maintain the tradition established by those Airmen who have gone before, and to lay the foundation for the Airmen yet to come.

The 357th Fighter Squadron has a tradition of valor and heroism when called upon to fight our nation's wars. Since its inception into the United States Army Air Corps in October 1942, members of the Dragons fought with valor.

During World War II, the squadron initially flew the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt, the premiere ground attack aircraft in the Army Air Corps inventory of that time. Eventually, P-51 Mustangs replaced the P-47 and six Dragons would become Aces by scoring five or more aerial victories. Of these six heroes only one remains with us today – Bill Cullerton is the sole living Dragon Ace of World War II.

Airmen of the 357th were defending our British allies on their homeland, flying over the beaches of Normandy, and skimming the snow covered treetops during the pivotal Battle of the Bulge.

The Dragons of World War II were part of The Greatest Generation, but a second generation of Dragons would soon answer the call to arms.

During the Vietnam War, the 357th Tactical Fighter Squadron continued its tradition of heroism and valor in combat, culminating with one

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“We reflect the actions and experiences of the Dragons of yesterday to ensure we are sending the Dragons of tomorrow into combat with the correct understanding of how important tradition is in the United States Air Force.”

— Lt. Col. Ken Carlson  
357th Fighter Squadron  
commander

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Dragon receiving the nation's highest decoration, The Medal of Honor, for “conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.”

As members of the original Wild Weasels, their job was to escort strike packages through the most heavily defended routes, including the notorious Route Pack 6.

April 19, 1967, Maj. Leo Thorsness attacked and destroyed two surface-to-air missile sites, initiated a combat search and rescue mission for his wingman who was shot down, and shot down a MiG-17. His mission was not complete as he attacked another four MiG-17s that were threatening to attack the rescue forces and while critically low on fuel, diverted a tanker to assist another aircraft that was about to flameout due to lack of fuel.

He then recovered his aircraft at a forward location due to his emergency fuel situation. Major Thorsness was awarded the Medal of Honor after being released from six and a half years as a prisoner of war.

During the course of the Vietnam War, the 357th Tactical Fighter Squadron was responsible for dropping the Paul Douhmer Bridge three times. The unit was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation five times. The tradition continues.

Today, the 357th Fighter Squadron is training the next generation of warriors in the tradition of those that have gone before.

The A-10 Thunderbolt IIs you see flying everyday above Davis-Monthan Air Force Base are piloted by the finest instructor pilots who have flown in Operations Desert Storm, Deny Flight, Allied Force, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. Several upgrading pilots have left D-M, and within weeks, are flying combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

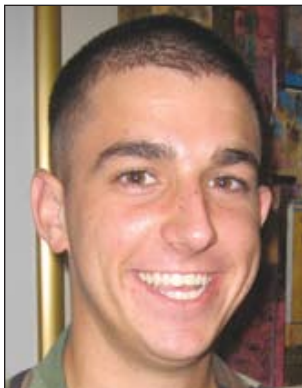
They have delivered close air support for members of the United States Army and Marine Corps, sometimes strafing enemy forces that are inside of 100 yards from friendly positions. The Dragons are carrying on the tradition of valor and heroism in combat!

There are many traditions in our Air Force—changes of command, dining ins, oin-on ceremonies, hail and farewells, First 6 and Top 3 Councils, enlisted and officer clubs, and many more. Many of our Air Force traditions define who we are as an organization. In the 357th Fighter Squadron we reflect on the actions and experiences of the Dragons of yesterday to ensure we are sending the Dragons of tomorrow into combat with the correct understanding of how important tradition is in the United States Air Force.



Final Answer

How does training make you a better Airman?



**Senior Airman  
Greg Spiker**  
*25th Operational Weather Squadron*

“Training helps me maintain my status as a weather warrior.”



**Col.  
Cesar Rodriguez**  
*355th Mission Support Group*

“Training brings lessons others have learned to your clue bag and allows you to use them whenever you face them real-world.”



**Senior Master Sgt.  
Bobby Phillips**  
*355th Component Maintenance Squadron*

“Training prepares you for real-world crisis you might encounter in the Air Force.”



**Senior Airman  
Christopher Frazier**  
*354th Fighter Squadron*

“As a trainer, I see that training on a repetitive basis makes people more proficient at their job and more trustworthy to perform their job without supervision.”



**Senior Airman  
David Corrigan**  
*355th Communications Squadron*

“When you know what you’re doing, your people will know what they’re doing.”



**Staff Sgt.  
Sean Trowbridge**  
*355th Component Maintenance Squadron*

“Training helps you to not only know your job, but the confidence to do it as well.”

What’s your final answer?

The **Desert Airman** staff is looking for your opinion to the following questions for publication in the Final Answer section. E-mail [desert.airman@dm.af.mil](mailto:desert.airman@dm.af.mil) to submit your answer.

◆ How do you participate in the community?

◆ What is your favorite weekend activity?

◆ How did you learn to manage your time?

◆ What was your favorite class in school?

# Negative effects of smoking sends message to Airmen

By Samantha L. Quigley

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON** — The death of broadcasting icon Peter Jennings from lung cancer has again brought smoking and its dangers to the forefront of public consciousness.

Before his death, Mr. Jennings admitted he was a longtime smoker.

While an estimated 25 percent of Americans smoke, the military's numbers hover at 34 percent, said Col. Gerald Wayne Talcott with the Air Force Medical Support Agency in Falls Church, Va.

That represents an increase of 4 percent for the military between 1998 and 2002, the time frame for the most recent data. According to the same data, 27 percent of the active-duty Air Force smokes, an increase of 1.3 percent between 1998 and 2002.

"We do have a higher prevalence of smoking for our youngest people in the military," Colonel Talcott said. "Now, if you look at officers, that's not the case. But for our youngest members, that's our E-1s through E-4s ... the overall prevalence is a little bit higher than the national average."

"It's a good suspicion" that the war is a factor in the increase of military smokers, he said.

Those who smoke often claim it is a stress reliever. Colonel Talcott said that might be true, but only for people who already are addicted. Before addiction occurs, smoking actually increases stress on the body.

Smokers may see their habit as a personal risk, but many may not realize it affects force readiness,

Colonel Talcott said. Even among smokers who have no ongoing diseases related to smoking, it impairs night vision, weakens the immune system and can lengthen healing time. Smokers also may have more frequent upper-respiratory ailments.

Tobacco use also affects families, the colonel said.

"We have a lot of young people (who) are just starting families," Colonel Talcott said. "It has an impact on those young children as well. If you're smoking around them, their risk for upper-respiratory infections goes up as well."

Smoking is a deceptive risk for younger people, since they do not necessarily feel the immediate ramifications. But, if a smoker quits, there are benefits to be reaped. More than 50 percent of Department of Defense employees who smoke have expressed a desire to quit.

"Your body has a very recuperative ability," Colonel Talcott said. "We have a very young population, so the sooner you quit and the less amount of time you smoke, the faster your body repairs itself. Within 10 to 15 years (of quitting smoking) your risk for cancer, if you quit early enough ... is almost the same as it would be for a nonsmoker."

Airmen have multiple excuses for not quitting. The fear of failure or a failed first attempt often keeps smokers from trying to quit again, Colonel Talcott said. However, he said a failure does not mean that a second, or even a third, attempt is going to fail.

"You aren't always successful the first time," he

said. "What we know is that it seems like the more people try to quit, the more likely they are to quit successfully."

Some smokers, especially women, are afraid to kick the smoking habit out of fear that they will gain weight. That is not a good enough excuse, Colonel Talcott said. A person would have to gain 100 pounds to equal the negative health effects of continued smoking.

The weight-gain theory is also not necessarily true. Among recruits in basic training — where smoking is disallowed, meals are controlled and exercise is a must — there is virtually no weight gain, Colonel Talcott said.

Help is available for those who wish to quit but think they need help. Most base health and wellness centers offer smoking cessation classes, and nicotine-replacement therapies are available.

The DoD is working with primary care physicians to help them spot tobacco use early and provide messages about quitting. The Tricare Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil) also offers information on why kicking the habit is a good idea and how to quit.

The military also is working to make smoking less attractive by hitting Airmen who smoke in the wallet. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is restricted to discounting tobacco products no more than 5 percent below what they would cost outside a military installation. This is a change from deeper discounts that were once offered, officials said.





## Sonoran Spotlight

*(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)*

*This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Senior Airman Blakely Eckert of the 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron. Airman Eckert is a database manager. According to the squadron superintendent, Chief Master Sgt. Scott Wescott, he was nominated for the spotlight because he, "is a fine example of wearing the uniform proudly. He also recently volunteered to deploy as a dedicated analyst with the upcoming deployment."*

*The following are Airman Eckert's responses to a variety of questions.*

**Hobbies, outside activities:** Playing, watching, and reading about sports. I love my hometown teams.

**What is the best advice you've received in the Air Force?** Keep your head up, things will get better ... and it was true, they did.

**If you were an Air Force recruiter, what would you tell people about the Air Force?** I would tell them that as long as they find a career that fits you and have no problems with authority it will be a great experience.

**What is your most memorable moment in the Air Force?** My first day at Davis-Monthan, my shop chief took me under his wing and made me feel like I could really make a difference.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

**Who inspires you?** My grandma inspires me. She has the best work ethic of anyone I've ever met and helps out her family as best she can.

### Volunteers needed: Tucson mentoring program

Davis-Monthan has an opportunity to get involved with the local community's youth who are trying to get on the right path.

The local detention center currently has more than 130 children between nine and 17 years of age. More than 50 percent of these youth have requested a mentor to assist them in their transition.

D-M is looking for mentor volunteers to be a sounding board for these youth as they attempt to transition from the detention center back into the community. Monitoring can take as little as four hours a month and a few phone calls.

Positions are also available to go to the center and read with the youth to improve their reading ability. Reading skills are extremely valuable for the youth once they transition back to the community.

An orientation to the program will be held Monday in the Wing Conference room from 2 to 3 p.m. The first meeting with the children will be Sept. 17.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Staff Sgt. Jessica Schmidt at 228-4660 or [jessica.schmidt@dm.af.mil](mailto:jessica.schmidt@dm.af.mil).







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## Services News Briefs

### Outdoor Recreational Pool Hours

The Outdoor Recreational Pool has new hours of operation from now until September 30. Recreational swim and open swim hours are Tuesday through Friday from noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lap swim hours are Tuesday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Daily fees are \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for children over the age of 2 years and \$3 for guests. There is no fee for children under 2 years or for lap swim. For more information, call 228-3759.

### Fitness Center Classes

The Haeffner Fitness Center offers Yoga classes every Mon., Wed., and Fri., from 6-7 p.m. Yoga classes emphasize the harmony of both the body and mind. The center also offers Spin classes on Mon., Wed., and Fri., from noon to 12:45 p.m., Tue. and Thurs., from 5 to 6 p.m., and Sat. from 11 a.m. to noon. Spinning is a high-energy, indoor stationary cycling program. Pilates classes are offered every Sat. from noon to 1 p.m. Pilates focuses on awareness of the spine, proper breathing, core strength and flexibility. All classes cost just \$2. For more information, call 228-3714.

### Mug Night at the Clubs

Join us every Thursday at the Mirage and Desert Oasis for "Mug Night". Bring in your own mug and receive your choice of domestic draft or soda for just \$1.50 (up to 32oz). Enjoy drink specials and music throughout the night.

At the Desert Oasis, bring in your favorite mug and win a personalized house mug if the judges decide your mug's the coolest! Judging begins at 5:30 p.m. Note: mugs are personalized at the Arts and Crafts center. For more information, call 228-3100.

### "Happy Birthday" Certificate

Stop by the club anytime during your birthday month and primary cardholders will receive a free "Happy Birthday" certificate worth \$15 towards the purchase of their next meal at either Cabanas or The Mirage! Note: Primary Cardholder only. Cannot be used to purchase alcoholic beverages or tobacco. Change cannot be returned. For more information, call 228-3100 or 228-3301.



Photo by Chris Sweeney

## Club Scholarship Nominees

D-M's 2005 Air Force Clubs Scholarship Program nominees display their certificates after a presentation at the Mirage Officer's Club on Aug. 11. From left to right: Maj. Christopher Lavallee, 355th Services Squadron Commander, 1Lt Illya Thomas, 355th LRS, Renee Thomas, Sarah Schwarting, CMSgt Ronald Schwarting, 612th AIG, MSgt Daniel Delashmit, 355 EMS, Rex Titus, MSgt Beverly Delashmit, 355th EMS.

## Services announces nominees for Club Scholarship Program

By Chris Sweeney

355th Services Squadron Public Affairs

Three D-M family members and college students who recently submitted essays about their personal hero could be the lucky recipients of a special scholarship offered through the Air Force Services Clubs Scholarship Program.

Annually, Air Force Clubs gives away \$25,000 in scholarships ranging from \$2,500 to \$6,000. This year six scholarships will be awarded based on a 500-word essay on the topic "My Hero, and Why".

"The program is an exclusive benefit for club members and their family members," said Mr. Bo Treadway, 355th Services Squadron's Business Flight Chief. "This year, we received twelve essays from both military and family members".

"A four-member essay panel made up of D-M officer and enlisted club members selected three essays to be D-M's nominations for the 2005 Club Scholarship Program," said Mr. Treadway. "The number of essays selected is based on our club membership numbers. Bases with between 2001 and 4000 members were allowed to select three essays".

D-M's 2005 Club Scholarship Program nominees are: Sarah Schwarting, daughter of Marian and CMSgt Ronald Schwarting, 612th AIG, Renee Thomas, wife of 1Lt. Illya Thomas, 355th LRS, and Rex Titus, son of MSgt Beverly and Daniel Delashmit, both from the 355th EMS. All of the nominee's essays have been submitted to the Air

Force Services Agency in San Antonio for final judging.

"All of the essays we received this year were excellent," said Maj. Christopher Lavallee, 355th Services Squadron Commander. "The topic 'My Hero, and Why' resulted in some truly inspiring essays."

"The essay panel really had their work cut out for them and the scoring was tight. It was unfortunate we could only select three essays," said Maj. Lavallee. "We're looking forward to hearing that one or more of our nominees is selected for a scholarship".

To be eligible for the club scholarship program, participants had to be a current club member or their family member, and be accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college or University for entry during the fall 2005 term as a part-time or full-time student.

Each nominee was presented with a special certificate of accomplishment at the Mirage Officer's Club on Aug. 11. They also received a special Services Coupon Book with over \$200 in coupons redeemable at services eateries and activities on D-M. Final scholarship awards will be announced by the Air Force Services Agency by Oct. 11.

This is the eighth year that Air Force Clubs has offered this benefit to members. Chase Bank and MasterCard make this program possible through their generous sponsorship (no federal endorsement intended). For more information, call Services Publicity at 228-7352.

# Desert Lightning 2005 Marathon Prep-Series - runners set sights on marathon

The 2005 Desert Lightning Marathon Prep-Series continues at the Fitness and Sports Center until Nov. 6, 2005. The prep-series consists of a series of runs that will help the D-M community prepare for upcoming Tucson and Phoenix marathons.

All Desert Lightning runs are designed to safely and gradually increase in distance from 5K to 20 miles over an 11-week period. The series of runs provides an opportunity for participants to train together and stay “Lightning Fit”!

**Prep-Series Registration:** The entry fee is \$35 until 2 p.m. on Sep 10. All payments and registrations must be made at the D-M Fitness and Sports Center. On site registrations will only be for single race events. Fee for single race events is \$5. All fees are non-refundable.

**Race Packet Pick-Up:** Race packets will be available for pick-up at the Fitness and Sports Center weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. No packets will be issued without proper I.D. Race packets will consist of race numbers, safety pins, training guide, and course map. Race numbers will be

consistent throughout the series and will be color coordinated for each race.

| Remaining race dates and times: |      |             |      |
|---------------------------------|------|-------------|------|
| Race 1                          | 5k   | (completed) |      |
| Race 2                          | 10k  | 28 Aug, Sun | 0700 |
| Race 3                          | 10mi | 11 Sep, Sun | 0700 |
| Race 4                          | 13mi | 25 Sep, Sun | 0630 |
| Race 5                          | 16mi | 16 Oct, Sun | 0630 |
| Race 6                          | 20mi | 6 Nov, Sun. | 0630 |

**Upcoming Tucson & Phoenix Marathons:** The Holualoa Tucson Marathon and the Bobbi Olson Half-Marathon will be held Dec. 4, 2005, and P.F. Chang’s Rock ‘n’ Roll Arizona Marathon and Half- Marathon will be held in Phoenix on Jan. 15, 2006.

**Awards:** Tee shirts and a series certificate will be awarded to all registered participants completing 4 of 6 races. Overall awards for male and female, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place finish. Age group male and female awards, excluding overall winners (2 deep).

The Desert Lightning Marathon prep-series is open to all D-M personnel and

authorized guests 18 years of age or older. For more information please call the Fitness and Sports Center at 228-0022. For information on the Holualoa Tucson Marathon and Bobbi Olson Half-Marathon, visit their official website at [www.tucsonmarathon.com](http://www.tucsonmarathon.com). For more information on P.F. Chang’s Rock n’ Roll Arizona Marathon and Half Marathon, go to [www.rnrz.com](http://www.rnrz.com).



Photo by SMSgt Ken Ramey

*Participants from last year’s Marathon Prep-Series run along the base’s perimeter trail west of the flight line.*



# Services Information

## TOPS IN BLUE at the Tucson Convention Center

Get ready to feel the beat! TOPS IN BLUE, the entertainment showcase of the United States Air Force, will perform on Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Tucson Convention Center’s Music Hall, 260 S. Church St. The show is free and open to all. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. for military ID card holders and at 6 p.m. for general public admission. The show starts at 6:30 p.m. Two buses will depart from the Desert Lightning Community center at 5:20 p.m. Seating is based on a first come first serve basis. For more information, contact the Community Center at 228-3500. For information on the TOPS IN BLUE program, visit their official web site at [www.airforcetopsinblue.com](http://www.airforcetopsinblue.com).

## Air Force Marathon

The ninth annual Air Force Marathon will be held at Wright Patterson AFB on Sept. 17, 2005. Marathon events include the 26.2 mile full marathon, half-marathon, four-person relay, wheelchair race, and a 5k race. The race is open to the public and the registration deadline is Sept. 2. For more information, visit the Air Force Marathon website at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil> or call (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823.

## Win Arizona Cardinals game tickets

Eat at the clubs and you could win tickets to see the Denver Broncos take on the Arizona Cardinals on Sept. 2, in Tempe, AZ! From now until Tuesday, order lunch or brunch at the Mirage or food from Cabanas and enter your receipt for a chance to win tickets. Your chances of wining increase every with every visit! Drawing will held on Aug. 30 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call the Desert Oasis at 228-3100 or The Mirage at 228-3301.

## Join a winter bowling league at the D-M Lanes

Winter bowling leagues are now forming at the D-M Lanes. Leagues and start dates are as follows:  
Monday: OWC Ladies Trios League, starts Sept. 12 at 9:30 a.m.  
Monday: Intramural League, starts Sept 12 at 5 p.m.  
Tuesday: Early Risers Ladies League, starts Sept. 6 at 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: Intramural League, starts Sept 6 at 5 p.m.  
Wednesday: Scratch Trios League, starts Sept. 7 at 7:30 pm  
Thursday: CE Trios, starts Sept 8 at 4 pm..  
Thursday: Thursday Mixed League, starts Sept 8 at 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday: Youth League (YSBC), starts Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday: Closed  
For more information, call the D-M Lanes at 228-3461.

## Outdoor Recreation’s Equipment Rental

Outdoor Recreation Equipment Rental has hundreds of items for rent including pop-up campers, camping, boating, and fishing equipment, sports and games, power tools and general use items, lawn and garden equipment, rug cleaners, and much more. You can also rent group event items like chairs, tables, and various size canopies and BBQ grills for your family get together or squadron function. All of the items are reasonably priced and can be checked out for daily, weekend, or weekly use. For more information, call 228-3736.

## Auto Skills Center Resale Lot

Let the Auto Skills Center help you sell your car, truck, boat, motor home, camper, or trailer at their resale lot at Fifth and Comanche St. The lot has 65 spaces and each space is only \$7.50 for 15 days. To reserve your space call Auto Skills at 228-3614.





# Ready to deploy: The final check



Staff Sgt. Jessica Despot, 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, administers a typhoid shot to Airman 1st Class Nicolas Paulino, assigned to the 355th Services Squadron. The 355th Medical Group is key through the deployment "horseshoe" ensuring all immunizations, physical health assessments, dental records and other medical paperwork is in order before deploying. Medical readiness is an important component of many in being ready to deploy.



Staff Sgt. Jason Krieger, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, compiles bags and gear for more than 1,300 D-M Airmen processing to deploy on Aerospace Expeditionary Force Rotation seven/eight to support the Global War on Terror.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Christina Ponte

Airmen wait their turn for each of the stops in the "horseshoe" processing line. Military pay specialists, legal experts, chaplains and family support center technicians are just a few of the representatives on hand in the processing line for every deploying Airman to check in with. The processing line ensures every deploying Airman is ready to deploy when called.

# Air Force Warriors of 1960s

By Capt. Tony Wickman  
*Alaskan Command  
Public Affairs*

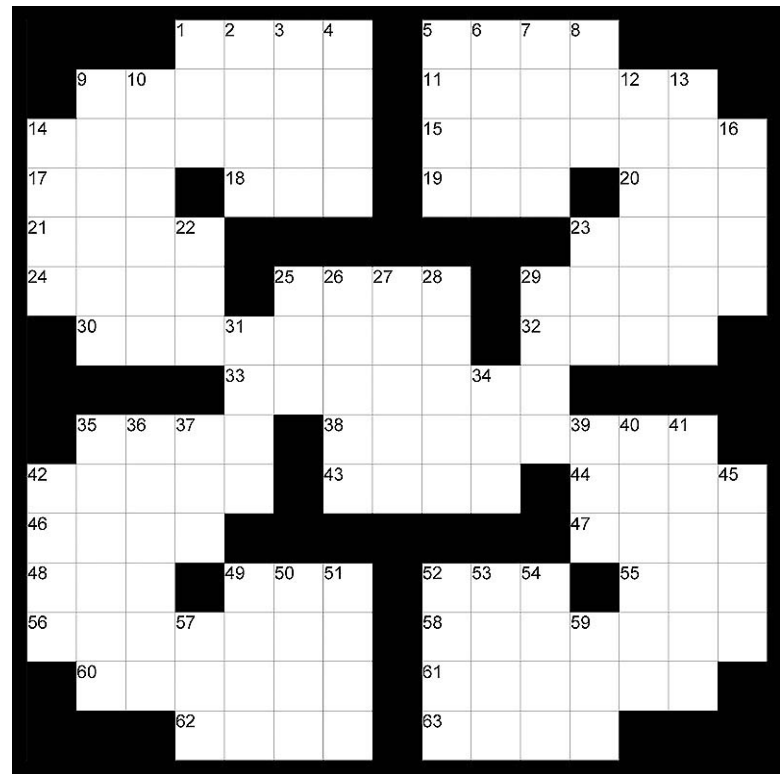
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- 24. Ice cream holder
- 25. German Mrs.
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- 46. Mil. quick
- 47. Servant
- 48. Greek letter
- 49. Fed. flight org.
- 52. Exist
- 55. Epoch
- 56. Dr. Robert \_\_\_\_; 9<sup>th</sup> SECAF
- 58. A1C John \_\_\_\_; Medal of Honor recipient
- 60. Scholar type
- 61. Cro-Magnon people
- 62. Amphibian
- 63. Cubs star Sammy

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- 1. Sale item
- 2. USAF base in Korea
- 3. No for 25 ACROSS
- 4. Resting
- 5. Visage
- 6. Image
- 7. Pilaster
- 8. \_\_\_\_ the season ...
- 9. Flowering
- 10. South Pacific atoll
- 12. Lt. Col. \_\_\_\_ I. Grissom; USAF Mercury astronaut
- 13. Main dish
- 14. USAF MAJCOM for training
- 16. 1974 Nobel Peace Prize winner MacBride
- 22. Allow
- 23. Boxing legend
- 25. Fed. housing org.
- 26. Mutiny
- 27. Pseudonym
- 28. Die-hard
- 29. Against
- 31. Moonstruck actress
- 34. Op or surreal
- 35. Col. Bernard \_\_\_\_; first air commando MoH recipient
- 36. Old Testament prophet
- 37. Dem. opponent
- 39. Shaq’s org.
- 40. Male or female reproductive cell
- 41. Actress Stone
- 42. Charts
- 45. De-ice
- 49. Dim



(The solutions for this puzzle are located on Page 26.)

50. From scratch

51. Helper, in short

52. Sign of regret

53. Reclaim property from
- non-paying buyers

54. Day prior to events

57. Week starter, in short

59. USAF reserve category









# Top runners part of Air Force Marathon



Photo by Amy Fredette

Capt. Rick Erkkila and Capt. Greg Krino, both of the Davis-Monthan 358th Fighter Squadron, will compete in the U.S. Air Force 13.1-mile half marathon Sept. 17 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The Airmen will fly A-10s to the race.

## U.S. Air Force Marathon facts:

- ◆ The first official Marathon was held Sept. 20, 1997, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Air Force.
- ◆ The Marathon is always held the third Saturday in September in celebration of the U.S. Air Force birthday.
- ◆ Each year one aircraft is chosen to be used on finisher medals.
- ◆ The Inaugural Marathon had 2,500 runners. Participation has grown yearly to more than 3,900 runners in 2004.
- ◆ Known around the world as the race "to do" for its outstanding customer service and Best finisher's medal.
- ◆ The course is a 26.2-mile run that traverses historical places on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, including the U.S. National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, the Air Force Institute of Technology and the Wright Brothers Memorial Monument.
- ◆ All levels of runners from around the world, including wheelchair participants, half marathon and 5k runners.
- ◆ The course contains two hills and has been called "more challenging than the Boston Marathon."

(Courtesy of U.S. Air Force Marathon Web site: <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil/>.)

By Brett Turner

88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio** — Two of the top distance runners of all time will be part of the ninth annual U.S. Air Force Marathon in September. Bill Rodgers and Alberto Salazar became running legends in the 1970s and 1980s before the cable television explosion brought new exposure to athletes.

Both will conduct separate free running clinics and sign autographs at the marathon sports and fitness expo Sept. 16 during the afternoon. The clinics will be at Wright State University's Ervin J. Nutter Center in Dayton, Ohio. The pair also will be keynote speakers at the pre-race pasta dinner at 6 p.m. the same day.

The U.S. Air Force Marathon will be Sept. 17 near the National Museum of the U. S. Air Force here. Opening ceremonies will be at 7 a.m., with the race beginning at 7:30 a.m.

It will be the first visit to the Air Force Marathon for Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Salazar. Both said they are excited about this marathon, which is gaining a reputation in the running world.

"You build a marathon gradually, so it will be fun for me to come out to (Daytona), running around a base and having the Wright brothers' influence around me," Mr. Rodgers said.

Mr. Salazar said he will enjoy being part of a military-based marathon, as he has family members in the military, including a brother who is a Navy aviator.

Mr. Rodgers was ranked the top marathon runner in the world for several years in the 1970s. He won the Boston Marathon in 1975 and from 1978 to 1980, as well as the New York Marathon from 1976 to 1979. He ran for the U.S. Olympic team in 1976 and holds five American records and one world record.

After a strong prep and college career, Mr. Salazar won his first New York Marathon in 1980 in the

fastest marathon debut time in history at the time. The following year, he broke a 12-year world marathon record running the race in 2 hours, 8 minutes and 13 seconds.

Mr. Salazar also won what is considered the most memorable finish in Boston Marathon history in 1982. He fought a battle the to final mile with Dick Beardsley out-kicking him in the final stretch in what became known as the "Duel in the Sun."

Mr. Salazar earned six U.S. records and one world record in his career. After a hiatus, he came back in 1994 to win the 53-mile Comrades Marathon, an ultramarathon race in South Africa.

Mr. Rodgers said he and Mr. Salazar have known each other since the latter's high school days. Although not racing as much, both are active shoe company spokesmen, and they conduct clinics, work with runners and do speaking engagements throughout the year.

"Running is a great way to keep fit. It has it all," Mr. Rodgers said.

The Air Force Marathon has grown nearly every year since its debut in 1997. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Salazar said that is a good sign.

"It's been shown there (aren't) as many marathons as there were, but new ones coming in (can) be successful, especially being backed by the Air Force," Mr. Salazar said. "People are looking for races like this."

Mr. Rodgers said it reminded him of how the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., developed. That race started in 1976 with 1,175 entrants; in 2004, its 29th year, 16,400 took part, according to the event's Web site.

The Air Force Marathon offers several races, including the full 26.2-mile marathon and wheelchair race; a 13.1-mile half marathon; a four-person relay race; and a 5K race. Registrations will be taken through Sept. 2.

(Information courtesy of American Forces Press Service.)

# Sports Shorts

## Marathon Prep-Series

The 2005 Desert Lightning Marathon Prep-Series will continue at the D-M Fitness and Sports Center through Nov. 6. The series began Sunday with a 5k race. The Prep-Series is intended to help D-M athletes ages 18 years and older prepare for upcoming Tucson and Phoenix marathons. All runs are designed to safely and gradually increase in distance. Race dates and times are:

- ◆ 10k: Sunday at 7 a.m.
- ◆ 10-mile: Sept. 11 at 7 a.m.
- ◆ 13-mile: Sept. 25 at 6:30 a.m.
- ◆ 16-mile: Oct. 16 at 6:30 a.m.
- ◆ 20-mile: Nov. 6 at 6:30 a.m.

The entry fee is \$35 until 2 p.m. on Sept. 10. All payments and registrations must be made at the Sports Center. On-site registrations will only be available for single race events. Fee for single race events is \$5. All fees are nonrefundable. T-shirts and a series certificate will be awarded to all registered participants completing four races. For more information, call the Sports Center at 228-0022.

## NFL Flag Football

Youths ages 6 to 14 years are invited to sign up for National Football League Flag Football Saturday at the Davis-Monthan Youth Center from 1 to 4 p.m. The program is intended to provide young players a fun and exciting opportunity to engage in non-contact, continuous action while learning lessons in teamwork. Practice begins Monday. Games start Sept. 19. The registration fee is \$30 and is due at sign up. The fee includes an NFL team identified reversible jersey and an NFL flag belt with two flags. For more information, visit the Youth Center or call 228-8373.

## LOA Golf Tournament

The Logistics Officer Association will hold a golf tournament Thursday with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. at the Blanchard Golf Course. The format is a four-person scramble (select shot) from blue tees for men and red tees for women. Participants pick their own teams. The cost is \$35 per person and includes green fees, riding cart and lunch before the tournament. Beverages will be available at the golf course. A mulligan is avail-

able at three for \$5 (limit three per player, no string). Prizes will be awarded for the top three teams, closest to the pin and longest drive. For more information, call Capt. Ben Smith, 228-2140 or send an e-mail to [benjamin.smith@dm.af.mil](mailto:benjamin.smith@dm.af.mil) or 1st Lt. Carlos Salas at 228-1246 or send an e-mail to [carlos.salas@dm.af.mil](mailto:carlos.salas@dm.af.mil).

## Youth swim team sign-up

The Desert Lightning Piranhas swim team's inaugural season was a big success. The team is looking forward to another successful season. Interested individuals ages 5 to 18 years are invited to join the team for 2005 through 2006. There will be a parent meeting Sept. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Outdoor Recreation center, Building 4430. For more information, call Alisa Metzger, 228-0015 or the recreation center, 228-3736.

## 2005 Football Frenzy

The first Football Frenzy game of 2005 kicks off at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club Sept. 8. Football fans can enjoy Monday Night Football games along with prizes, games, discounted food, beverages

and more. Some lucky D-M fans may win one of three grand prize trips for two. D-M Football Frenzy at The Desert Oasis is open to club members of any rank. To get in on this year's Football Frenzy fun and prizes, stop by The Desert Oasis or The Mirage. For more information, call 228-3100 or visit [www.dm.servicsonline.com](http://www.dm.servicsonline.com).

## Kids' Bowling League

Registration for the September Kids' Saturday Morning League at D-M Lanes will be Saturday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Receive a free game and shoe rental when you sign up. The league runs from September to April. There will be an awards banquet at the end of the season. For more information, call 228-3461.

## Air Force Marathon

The ninth annual Air Force Marathon will be held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Sept. 17. The race is open to all. Registration deadline is Sept. 2. For more information, visit the Air Force Marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil> or call (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823.





## Chapel Information

*Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.*

### Worship schedule

#### Catholic

- ◆ The First Saturday Mass is the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass is followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.
- ◆ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.
- ◆ Sunday Mass is at 9:45 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

#### Protestant

- ◆ Traditional service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel.
- ◆ Contemporary service is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.
- ◆ Gospel Service is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel.

### Protestant Women fall kickoff

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will host a “Fall Kickoff” Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Hope Chapel Annex. Enjoy a ‘50s ice cream social and hear about new events and Bible study groups offered during fall. For more information, call the chapel at 228-5411.

### Deployment blessing, dinner

The Davis-Monthan Chapel invites all those deploying, their family members and friends to a short send-off blessing at the Desert Dove Chapel, followed by a free dinner at the Hope Chapel Annex Tuesday at 6 p.m. For more information, call 228-5411.

### Sunday School Spiritual Fitness

Sunday School Spiritual Fitness begins Sept. 11 at 9:45 a.m. Classes are for all ages.

### Catholic Education classes offered

Registration for weekly Catholic Religious Education classes is being held after all weekend Masses until Sept. 30. Classes begin Sept. 11. For more information, call Nancy Rambaran at 228-4299.

## Education Services

### International affairs program

Air Force officers and civilians are invited to apply to the Global Master of Arts Program II, a 12-month program culminating in a Master of Arts degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. It is available to all mid-career officers and civilians serving in international affairs positions who have at least eight years of experience. Six slots are available. The board usually looks for captains to lieutenant colonels and mid-level civilians who fit the entrance criteria, including a foreign language requirement. The part-time program requires three, two-week residency sessions combined with Internet-based courses of study. Deadline

for applications is Thursday. Applications can be downloaded at [http://www.iaprograms.net/docs/050325\\_gmap-ii\\_app.pdf](http://www.iaprograms.net/docs/050325_gmap-ii_app.pdf).

### AFROTC commissioning

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Commissioning Program has a new Web site: [www.afoats.af.mil/AFROTC/Enlisted Commissioning/](http://www.afoats.af.mil/AFROTC/EnlistedCommissioning/). Information for each of the ROTC Commissioning programs has not been updated since Aug. 16. Please do not utilize the old Web site. The Base Training and Education Services will advertise when the new site is updated with current information and dates. Also, the new fiscal 2006 Airmen Education and Commissioning Program Newsletter, which outlines the requirements for the AECP Commissioning Program, is due to be released by the end of this month. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812 or Norma White at 228-4249.

### Air War College Seminar

The Base Training and Education Services is attempting to form an Air War College Seminar at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. This program is open to active duty, National Guard and Reserve 0-5 selectees or above of any component of the U.S. Armed Forces and Department of Defense civilian employees (GS-13 or above). For those interested in joining the seminar, call Lt. Col. Ann Hollis at 749-3573 or e-mail [ann.hollis@mcchord.af.mil](mailto:ann.hollis@mcchord.af.mil). For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812.

### Pima Community College classes

Fall classes have started at Pima Community College. However, there are still late start and weekend classes available. For more information, visit [www.pima.edu](http://www.pima.edu), stop by Building 3200, Room 224 or call 206-4866.

### Southwestern College on-line classes

Southwestern College has two new on-line graduate programs: a Master of Science in Leadership and a Professional Master of Business Administration. The college also offers nine undergraduate majors on-line. Up to 64 Community College of the Air Force credit hours are transferable. Military discounts are available. For more information, visit [www.sckans.edu/on-line](http://www.sckans.edu/on-line), e-mail [military@sckans.edu](mailto:military@sckans.edu), or call Karen Pedersen, toll free, (888) 684-5335, ext. 114.

## Family Support Center

### Right Start Base Orientation

Davis-Monthan spouses are invited to attend a Right Start Base Orientation Sept. 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Mirage Officers’ Club. Medical Right Start is from 12:40 to 4 p.m. Free childcare is available through the through the Permanent Change of Station Childcare Program, but childcare must be arranged ahead of time. For more information or to schedule childcare, call 228-5690.

### Pre-separation counseling

This class will take place at the Family Support Center Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. This class is mandatory for military members and will

acquaint departing members with services and agencies available to help them transition to the civilian workforce. Class size is limited to 20 and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating or retiring. To sign up, call 228-5690.

### Smooth Move briefing

The Family Support Center, Building 3210, will hold a Smooth Move briefing Sept. 7 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. This briefing will help Airmen prepare for their next permanent change of station. For reservations, call 228-5690.

### CSB/Redux briefing

Personnel at the 14-and-a-half-year mark can select Career Status Bonus/Redux or High-Three as their retirement plan. Personnel are invited to attend the next briefing on Sept. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Family Support Center, Building 3210. To sign up, call 228-5690.

### Resume/interview workshops

The Family Support Center, Building 3210, is holding a resume workshop Sept. 9 from 9 to 11 a.m. and an interview workshop from noon to 2 p.m. To sign up, call 228-5690.

## Happenings

### POW/MIA bracelets

Anyone interested in purchasing a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action bracelet can visit Building 2300, Room 2047 to see samples. Styles include red, black or clear aluminum; stainless steel; copper; brass or German silver. Bracelets will arrive two to four weeks after order has been placed. For more information or to place an order by Monday, call Tech. Sgt. Regina Harris at 228-5159 or e-mail [Regina.Harris@dm.af.mil](mailto:Regina.Harris@dm.af.mil).

### IDEA submissions

Those who submit a proposal to the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness Program will receive a free gym bag and water bottle. This is part of the IDEA program’s Fit to Fight promotion during August. For more information, call 228-IDEA.

### Girl Scout Recruitment Night

The Davis-Monthan Girl Scout Service Unit is inviting girls ages 5 to 17 years to attend Recruitment Night Tuesday at Borman Elementary or Smith Elementary from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, call Andrea Ortegon at 790-4258.

## Services Activities

*Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact Mr. Sweeney at 228-7352.*

### USDA food program for children

The Child Development Centers are offering the U.S. Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals will be available to enrolled children without charge and regard to sex, race, color, age, handicap or national origin. Anyone who believes they have been discriminated against in any USDA-related programs can write to the Secretary of Agriculture.

The address is 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250. For more information about the Child Development Center’s program, call 228-2201.

Win lunch for two

Every month, two members from The Mirage Officers’ Club or Desert Oasis Club can win lunch for two as part of the “calendar search” game. Members can look for their last name and last four digits of their club card anywhere on the clubs’ current calendar in the Services Activities magazine. Members whose names and numbers appear win lunch for two. Note: The letters of the winners’ last names will be scrambled. Winners can redeem their free lunches by stopping by the club and showing their current club card to the cashier. Winners must claim prize during the month selected. (Some exceptions apply if the member is temporary duty or deployed. See club manager for details.) For more information, call The Mirage at 228-3301 or The Desert Oasis at 228-3100.

Community Center flea market

The Desert Lightning Community Center will host a flea market Saturday in the Youth Center’s parking lot next to Building 6000. The sale is from 6:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, stop by the Community Center or call 228-3717.

Part-day preschool

Part-day preschool runs from Sept. 6 through April 28. Children must be three years old by Wednesday and fully potty trained. Fees are on a sliding scale and are based on total family income. Parents must provide the child’s shot records, Leave and Earnings Statement and an emergency contact person at time of registra-

tion. Parents will have the choice of a three-day program on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Morning sessions will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and afternoon sessions will be from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. There will be a two-day program in the morning on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information or to register, call 228-3336.

CDC openings

The Davis-Monthan Child Development Centers have openings for pre-toddlers ages 1 to 2 years, toddlers ages 2 to 3 years and preschool children ages 3 to 5 years. For more information, call 228-6463 or 228-6465.

Enjoy lunch, brunch at The Mirage

Davis-Monthan personnel and their families are invited to the The Mirage Club for an “all ranks” lunch buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., every Tuesday through Friday. Customers can choose from daily buffets like the chef’s choice on Tuesday; barbecue buffet on Wednesday; pasta station, meats and more on Thursday; and the fried and baked catfish buffet and meats on Friday, for \$7.85. Buffets include main entrees, a variety of side dishes, soup and salad bar, fruit, dessert, and beverages Members receive a \$2 discount plus you can use a Services Buck, making the lunch cost \$4.85. The club also offers a soup and salad bar for \$6.75. Members receive a \$2 discount and can use a Services Buck which makes the lunch cost \$3.75. Get your Members First “Lunch Bunch” card punched each time and your sixth lunch is free. Every Sunday, The Mirage offers a Champagne Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$12.95 (members receive \$2 discount and may use a Services Buck);

children 6 to 12, \$5.95 (members’ dependents receive a \$2 discount); kids ages 5 and under, \$2 (members’ dependents are free). For more information, call The Mirage at 228-3301.

Artist, craftsman, photo contest

Start getting your entries ready for the D-M Artist/Craftsman and Photography Contest. Entries will be due to the Arts and Crafts Center by Sept. 15. For more information, call 228-4385.

Youth Center Power Hour

The Youth Center’s Power Hour Afterschool Program returns to D-M Sept. 6 for another year. The Power Hour program reinforces and enhances the skills and knowledge young people learn at school through “high-yield” learning activities at the Youth Center and in the home. Activities include leisure reading, writing activities, homework help and games. Power Hour emphasizes collaborations between Youth Programs staff, parents, and school personnel. School Age sessions will be Monday through Thursday from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Open Recreation sessions will be Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. The Open Recreation sessions cost \$12 per month. For more information or to sign up your child, stop by the Youth Center or call 228-8844.

Castles N’ Coasters adventure

Experience the sky high rides, roller coasters and water rides at Castles N’ Coasters Sept. 17. Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for children ages 3 to 16 years and include round-trip transportation and one All Park VIP Gold Pass. The VIP pass also includes one day of unlimited rides and miniature golf. To sign up by Sept. 10, call Information, Tickets and Tours at 228-3700.

Services Activities Hours and Phone Numbers

**Arts and Crafts Center**.....228-4385  
Tues., Wed. and Fri., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thurs., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat., noon to 4 p.m.  
**Auto Skills Center**.....228-3614  
Tues. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Blanchard Golf Course**.....228-3734  
Daily, sunrise to sunset.  
**Bowling Center**.....228-3461  
Mon. - Thurs., 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri., 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sat., noon to 11 p.m.  
**Cabanas**.....747-3234  
Mon. - Thurs., 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri., 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sat. and Sun., 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. No deliveries between 2 to 4 p.m. All delivery orders must be called in no later than 30 minutes prior to closing.  
**Child Development Centers**.....228-6463/3336  
Mon. - Fri., 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
**Community Center**.....228-3500/3717  
Mon. - Thurs., 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri., 7 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Sat., noon to 1 a.m. and Sun., noon to 6 p.m.  
**Desert Inn Dining Facility**.....228-5501  
Mon. - Fri., 5:15 to 7:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Sat. and Sun., 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.  
**Desert Oasis Barber Shop**.....748-8710  
Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Desert Oasis Enlisted Club**.....228-3100  
Cashier Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Caterer Tues. - Fri. by appt. only. Shockwave Lounge opens

at 3 p.m. Wed. - Fri.  
**Eagles Nest Restaurant**.....228-7066  
Located at the Golf Course: Mon. - Fri. 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Fam Camp**.....747-9144  
Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Family Child Care**.....228-2201  
Mon. - Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Fitness and Sports Center**.....228-0022  
Mon. - Thurs. open 24 hours; Fri. closes at 11 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun., holidays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Haeffner Fitness Center**.....228-3714  
Mon. - Fri., 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed weekends, holidays and UTE days.  
**Human Resources Office**.....228-2408  
Mon. - Fri., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Inn on Davis-Monthan**.....748-1500  
Open 24 hours.  
**Information, Tickets & Tours**.....228-3700  
Mon. - Tues., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wed., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Library**.....228-4381  
Mon. - Thurs., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental**.....228-3736  
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wed. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Paintball Range**.....228-3736

Sat., 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Weekday group rates available.  
**Pools**.....228-3759  
Indoor Fitness: Mon. - Fri., 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outdoor: Tues. - Fri., noon to 7 p.m.; Sat. and Sun., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lap swim: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
**Resource Management**.....228-3033  
Mon. - Fri., 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Roadrunner Fit Kitchen**.....228-4096  
Mon. - Fri., 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
**Skeet Range**.....228-3736  
Sat. - Sun., 8 a.m. to noon  
**Stormy’s Cyber Cafe**.....228-3717  
Mon. - Fri., 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**The Mirage Officers’ Club**.....228-3301  
Cashier: Mon. - Wed., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fri., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Lunch: Tues. - Fri., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dinner: as listed in the Club Calendars; Sunday Brunch: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Poly Bar opens at 4 p.m. Thurs. and Fri.  
**The Mirage Barber Shop**.....748-8968  
Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Veterinary Treatment Facility**.....228-3529  
Subject to change: Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. to noon; 1 to 4:30 p.m.  
**Youth Center**.....228-8844  
Tues. - Thurs., Fri. 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat. noon to 8 p.m.







